

# EPA restricts use of 14 pesticide ingredients

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Steven D. Jellinek, Environmental Protection Agency assistant administrator for toxic substances announced that 14 pesticide ingredients used in about 1000, mostly agricultural products, are being restricted for use only by trained and certified applicators.

The ingredients were

designated "largely based on their acute toxicity and

hazardous effects to humans and certain non-target species of mammals, birds, fish, and other wildlife." The ingredients are carbofuran, chlorfenvinphos, clonitralid, dioxathion, disulfoton, endosulfan, ethoprop, fenamiphos, fensulfathion, fonofos, monocrotophos,

phorate, phosacetim, and phosphamidon.

Twenty-three pesticide ingredients representing approximately 2000 pesticide products were restricted for use only by trained and certified applicators earlier this year. "To date, some one and a half million private (mostly farmers) and 300,000 commercial

applicators have been trained and certified through this program. This accounts for about 80 per cent of all the private and commercial applicators in the United States," Jellinek added.

Jellinek also noted that EPA is supporting a number of special investigations aimed at increasing the Agency's ability to predict and evaluate pesticide risks to farmers, farmworkers and others "...who for a variety of social and economic reasons are among the least likely to seek hospital or emergency

room treatment following a pesticide poisoning."

"The potential for exposure grows in proportion to pesticide production and use," "...which has increased dramatically since the mid-1960's. ...Today, some 35,000 pesticides containing about 1,500 active ingredients are registered for use on the U.S. market. Production of pesticides in America grew from about a billion pounds in 1966 to 1.4 billion pounds in 1976... In 1976, the U.S. market for pesticides was \$2.4 billion; it is expected to grow to \$3.3 billion by 1984."

"The hazards of pesticides—especially chronic ones—are particularly hard to deal with," Jellinek concluded, "because of the degree of scientific uncertainty that surrounds many areas of the hazard assessment process. ...pesticide accepted a decade ago as 'safe,' and perhaps hailed as a modern miracle could pose a risk in light of what science tells us today."

By early next year, the EPA will also issue new rules requiring special child-resistant packaging for the most toxic household pesticide products.

Pesticide manufacturers will have up to two years to change the new packaging

## \$1.7 million in local grant and loans secured by rural coordinators

HARRISBURG - State Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer announced that rural coordinators of the Agriculture Department's Bureau of Rural Affairs have assisted local governments and agencies in securing \$1,729,400 in grants and loans.

According to Shelhamer, nine projects with a value of \$739,400 have been acquired as full grants from federal agencies. A \$990,000 community loan has also been acquired for the Newport (Perry County) Water Authority through the Farmers Home Administration.

The Department's rural coordinators have received

instruction on sources of federal funding and methods for acquiring funds for local community agencies. Working with community agencies at no charge, the coordinators conduct research for sources of funds to assist in local projects.

When it appears that a local agency may qualify for a grant or loan, rural coordinators will work with the local agency to make application, provide technical assistance and follow the application through the funding channels.

Shelhamer said that he was quite pleased and proud that the State Agriculture Department had been able to

help local governments defray the costs of needed projects and predicted even greater success with the program in the future.

## Dinner set

LEOLA - The Leola Fire Company will hold their 12th Annual Family Style Pork and homemade Sauerkraut Dinner on New Years Day from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Leola War Memorial Building. Take outs are also available.



## 4-H horse club awards presented

MANHEIM - The Christmas party and meeting of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club was held recently at the Farm and Home Center.

As a community project, the club will donate fifty dollars to the Easter Seals' Horsemanship for the Handicapped program. The club also collected canned foods to donate to a local children's home.

The year end awards were presented on a basis of the most points earned at the three club gymkhanas held on June 10, June 25, and Sept. 9. The results are as follows: Grooming and Showmanship, J. J. championship, Pam Sammons; reserve, Mike Spahn. Grooming and Showmanship, Sr.: champion, Lashon Bussell; reserve, Lori Sammons. Hunter under Saddle: champion, Lashon Bussell; reserve, Pam Sammons. Barrel

Race, Pony: champion, Sharon Snyder; reserve, Lori McLain. Barrel Race, Horse: champion, Sandy Hamilton; reserve, Karen Eberle. Pole Bending, Pony: champion, Sharon Snyder; reserve, Jessie Watts. Pole Bending, Horse: champion, Sandy Hamilton; reserve, Karen Eberle.

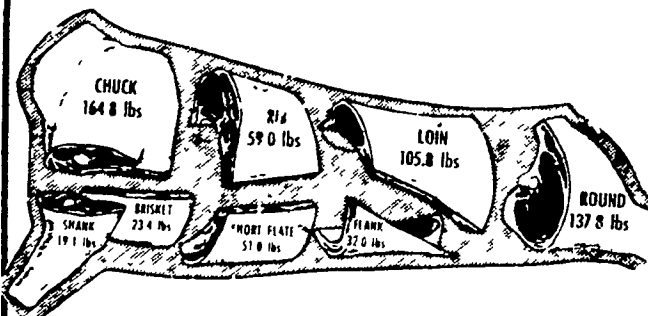
Scurry Race, Pony: Lori McLain; reserve, Rusty, Sharon Snyder. Scurry Race, Horse: champion, Sandy Hamilton; reserve, Lashon Bussell. Walk-Trot: champion, Nichole Brewer. Western Pleasure Pony under 12.2: champion, Lori McLain; reserve, Troy Hatfield. Western Pleasure Pony, 12.2 to 14.2: champion, Doug Fellenbaum; reserve, Ken Sherlaw. Western Pleasure Horse: champion, Beth Harclerode; reserve, Pam Sammons. Western Equitation, Jr.: champion

Pam Sammons; reserve, Eva Sherlaw, Valerie High. Western Equitation, Sr.: champion, Beth Harclerode; reserve, Doug Fellenbaum.

Western Riding: champion, Sandy Hamilton; reserve, Lori McLain. Walk-Jog: champion, Mike Spahn; reserve, Karen Cope. Pair Class: champions, Pam Sammons and Lori Sammons; reserve, Karen Eberle, Sandy Hamilton. Dollar Bareback: champion, Sandy Hamilton; reserve, Eva Sherlaw. Egg and Spoon: champion, Beth Harclerode; reserve, Sandy Hamilton. Break and Out: champion, Beth Harclerode, Pam Sammons; reserve, Doug Fellenbaum. Trail Class, Pony: champion, Sharon Snyder; reserve, Eva Sherlaw. Trail Class, Horse: champion, Doug Fellenbaum; reserve, Lori Sammons.

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## 4-Hers learn sign language and translate meeting for deaf youth

NEWARK, Del. - Members of the Green Clovers 4-H Club, Bear, have shared their 4-H knowledge with other youth that are deaf from the Margaret Sterck School for the Hearing Impaired in Newark. Several members from the club attended the Sterck School for special classes to learn sign language. Many of the members found that it was easy to learn and have become very skilled in signing. The next step was for the Green Clovers 4-H Club to invite members that attend Sterck School to join their local 4-H Club. The skilled 4-Hers in the art of signing translate all the proceeding at the local club for the deaf members. This project certainly has been an inspiration to all members involved.

The Stump Corner 4-H Club, Townsend, has also been busy with community service projects. Activities this year have included raising money at a bake sale to buy an automatic coffee maker for the Townsend United Methodist Church.

For their Christmas project, the club chose to

make Christmas decorations for the Scott Nursing Home in Smyrna. The club treated the patients with decorations, and also a Christmas party.

The club's local meeting had three paramedics from the New Castle Paradenics team stationed in Odessa visit them. Members learned what to do in the case of cardiac arrest, blood loss and shock. The paramedic team also described the course of study needed for 4-Hers interested in this type of work.

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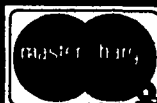
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